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First Doses of H1N1 Vaccination Being Administered at Venice Family Clinic

Directed at Children 2 Years and Older, as well as Household Contacts of Infants under 6 Months

Venice, CA, October 9, 2009 – Venice Family Clinic has begun vaccinating low-income uninsured residents of the Westside of Los Angeles County against H1N1 virus. It received its first vaccine shipment, consisting of 200 doses of nasal spray, from the California Department of Public Health on Wednesday.

These initial doses are directed at healthy children 2 years and older, especially those younger than 10 years, who are recommended to receive two doses, as well as healthy people ages 2 to 49 who live with infants younger than 6 months.

“We’re planning for a surge of patients should this turn into a pandemic,” explains Karen Lamp, MD, Venice Family Clinic’s Medical Director. “We don’t know what exactly to expect, so it’s good to be taking preventive steps.”

Venice Family Clinic is the largest free clinic in the country, serving more than 24,000 low-income and uninsured patients through eight sites on the Westside of Los Angeles County. All of its services, including the H1N1 vaccination, are provided free of charge.

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Venice Family Clinic’s mission is to provide free, quality health care to people in need. Established in 1970 by founder Phillip Rossman, MD, and co-founder Mayer B. Davidson, MD, the Clinic has grown from a small storefront operation into the largest free clinic in the

country. With the help of approximately more than 2,000 volunteers, including nearly 500 physicians, Venice Family Clinic provides a medical home for over 24,400 low-income and uninsured patients through eight sites in Venice, Santa Monica, Mar Vista and Culver City.